



## **Panama City, Florida: Destination for World-class Sailing, Boating and Fishing**

Panama City, Fla. – Panama City, embraced by the shores of St. Andrew Bay, is an idyllic destination for travelers seeking enrichment and outdoor pursuits in a scenic waterfront setting. With outstanding year-round inshore and offshore fishing, world-class sailing, and boating, Panama City retains much of the charm and beauty of a historic fishing village while benefiting from the creative energy of a progressive city.

“Panama City’s strategic location on St. Andrew Bay has played an important role in developing the destination as an angler’s paradise,” shares Jennifer Vigil. “Similarly, the ideal wind conditions have established Panama City as a world-class sailing destination, with travelers from around the globe envying the constant breezes and calm waters of St. Andrew Bay and the Gulf.”

### **Fishing**

Sprawling more than 68,000 acres behind the protection of the Gulf of Mexico shoreline, St. Andrew Bay is home to abundant aquatic life. The bay spans more than 20 miles and includes a wealth of saltwater flats and seagrass beds that offer a rich bounty. Redfish, Speckled Trout, Black Drum, Cobia, Sheepshead and Flounder are just a few of the species that populate these channels. The clear waters of this extensive ecosystem are ideal for both novice and expert anglers.

Numerous charters offer year-round off-shore fishing opportunities for various seasonal species. Bottom fishing yields grouper, snapper, mahi-mahi, mackerel and amberjack. Trolling is an ideal method for hooking both Spanish and king mackerel, cobia and jack crevalles. Sport fishing for sailfish and marlin provides heart-thumping excitement during a true test of endurance and skill.

### **Sailing and Boating**

Offering near perfect winds that many coastal communities envy, visitors to Panama City have the opportunity to sail in the deepest and largest protected bay in the area. Long revered as a sailing destination, Panama City is home to numerous regattas throughout the year such as the A-Class Catamaran North American Championships.

Panama City is a boater’s paradise boasting more marinas per capita than many similarly sized coastal destinations, with charters providing ready access for water based excursions. Shelling expeditions to unpopulated barrier islands are readily available to any guests wishing to explore the bay area by water.

## **ABOUT PANAMA CITY**

Embraced by beautiful St. Andrew Bay on Florida's Emerald Coast, Panama City offers a myriad of water sports ranging from world-class sailing to some of the best year round in-shore and off-shore fishing in the U.S. Off the water, visitors to the Northwest Florida city delight in the sunny destination's eclectically rich neighborhoods offering a thriving visual and performing arts scene, a range of dining that makes full use of bounteous local seafood, and diverse shopping and antiquing. To contact Destination Panama City directly call 850-215-1700.

Follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @destination\_pc. Join the conversation at #destinationpanamacity.

### **Media Contacts:**

Boykin Anderson / Bryan Hunter

Lou Hammond & Associates

[boykinf@louhammond.com](mailto:boykinf@louhammond.com)

[bryanh@louhammond.com](mailto:bryanh@louhammond.com)

(843) 647-7389 / (843) 410-5885